AMENDMENTS

In the Claims

The following is a copy of Applicants' claims that identifies language being added with underlining ("___") and language being deleted with strikethrough ("——"), as is applicable:

1. (Currently Amended) A digital camera, comprising:

means for ~~capturing~~ merging at least two images of a scene to form a merged image, the at least two images including different views of the scene;

~~means for merging the at least two captured images;~~

~~means for displaying the merged image;~~

means for cropping the ~~displayed~~ merged image; and

means for storing an uncropped portion of the ~~displayed~~ merged image such that, responsive to the at least two images being captured, the means for storing stores the at least two images and provides the at least two images for merging;

wherein, subsequent to cropping of the merged image, the uncropped portion is stored by the means for storing and a corresponding cropped portion is deleted therefrom.

2. (Currently Amended) The digital camera recited in claim 1, further comprising means for deleting a cropped portion of the ~~displayed~~ merged image.

3. – 4. (Cancelled)

5.   (Previously Presented) The digital camera recited in claim 1 wherein the at least two images of the scene are captured sequentially in time.

6.   (Previously Presented) The digital camera recited in claim 1 wherein the at least two images of the scene are captured simultaneously.

7.   (Previously Presented) The digital camera recited in claim 1 wherein the at least two captured images have an overlapping image field.

8.   (Previously Presented) The digital camera recited in claim 1 wherein the at least two captured images have substantially the same image field.

9.   (Currently Amended) A method of controlling the operation of a digital camera, comprising ~~the steps of~~:

receiving storing at least two captured images representing different image views of a scene ~~from a photosensor~~;

merging the at least two captured images to form a merged image;

~~displaying the merged image;~~

~~receiving cropping instructions for the displayed image;~~

storing an uncropped portion of the ~~displayed~~ merged image; and

deleting a cropped portion of the merged image such that information corresponding to cropped portions of the captured images are no longer stored in the digital camera.

10. – 12.   (Cancelled)

13.　(Currently Amended) The method recited in claim 9 further comprising ~~the step of~~ capturing at least two images sequentially in time.

14.　(Currently Amended) The method recited in claim 9 further comprising ~~the step of~~ capturing at least two images simultaneously.

15.　(Previously Presented) The method recited in claim 9 wherein the at least two captured images have an overlapping image field.

16.　(Previously Presented) The method recited in claim 9 wherein the at least two captured images have the same image field.

17.　(Currently Amended) A computer readable medium for controlling the operation of a digital camera, comprising:

　　　logic that ~~receives at least two captured images from a photosensor, the~~ merges at least two captured images corresponding to two different image views of a scene to form a merged image;

　　　　　~~logic that merges the at least two captured images;~~

　　　　　~~logic that displays the merged image;~~

　　　　　~~logic that receives cropping instructions for the displayed image;~~

　　　logic that stores an uncropped portion of the ~~displayed~~ merged image; and

　　　logic that deletes a cropped portion of the ~~displayed~~ merged image prior to storing the uncropped portion of the ~~displayed~~ merged image such that

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information corresponding to cropped portions of the captured images are no longer stored in the digital camera.

18. – 19.   (Cancelled).

20.   (Previously Presented) The computer readable medium recited in claim 17 wherein the at least two captured images correspond to images that are captured sequentially in time.

21.   (Previously Presented) The computer readable medium recited in claim 17 wherein the at least two captured images correspond to images that are captured simultaneously.

22.   (Previously Presented) The computer readable medium recited in claim 17 wherein the at least two captured images have an overlapping image field.

23.   (Previously Presented) The computer readable medium recited in claim 17 wherein the at least two captured images have the same image field.